THE BUBBLING WELL

MPOSSIBLE! Quite impossible, I assure you!" said Sir Evington Beecham, Governor of Hongkong, to Capt. Burling of the India Mail, as they paused for a moment on their afternoon stroll back from the golf links, "the idea of an intentional wreckage is preposterous. Why, Webb and the boatswain are two of the very best men we have in the service, and they've been in it for years. And they both know, just as well as we do, that it means imprisonment for life. Do you think they would take a risk like that and actually turn pirates-for that is what it amounts to-for the mere salvage from a coasting schooner? Never! I don't believe a word of it."

"Well, I can hardly credit it myself, but Barlow & Co., the owners, de clare they have a perfectly clear case against them and swear they will prove it in the colonial court."

"Let them prove it, then!" was the emphatic answer of the governor, as he drove his walking-stick deep into the sand to enforce his opinion. the sand to enforce his opinion.

The subject of this conversation was an occurrence that had stirred the whole foreign community, and incidentally taken up a good deal of space in the columns of the local papers. It was briefly this: The English coasting schooner Prince Edward had sailed out of the harbor at dusk and had set her course for Formoss. Her cargo happened to be at dusk and had set her consist for the choicest of the consisting of several thousand pounds' worth of the choicest ginseng, the most costly of native drugs, which the Chinese shippers (for some unknown preju-dice) had been unwilling to consign to the regular steamer. Every preto the regular steamer. Every precaution had been taken to secure
and protect it, and it was whispered
that her captain and crew were
heavily armed. All had gone well
until midnight when she was approaching Pak Lao Ting (White Tiger
point), and then suddenly the light
in the tower on the point began to
flicker and grow dim—and finally, to
the consternation of her skipper,
sputtered and went entirely out! * * * *

A STRONG ebb tide was running at the time, and before she could be brought about, in the sharp turn that they have to make at the red buoy, she was swung close in to the headland and was thrown broadside on the beach. The native crew of eight men became panic-stricken at once, seizing the first things at hand—which happened to be the oars of the schooner's boat—jumped into the surf and shrieked to their gods to save them. The four English sailors tried to cut the boat loose, but, finding the oars gone, threw off their coats and started for the shore, which, fortunately, they all succeeded in reaching.

There being no apparent way of scaling the cliff, they decided that their only hope was in following the beach to the nearest village where they could secure help. Fortunately they found two of the native crew—the six other having fied—and holding them as guides and interpreters, they walked all night and half the following day, when they reached a side on the beach. The native crew

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There was great noise and bustle at the corner of the White Pearl road and the Red Cloud alley, where the largest Chinese drug stores were located. "Yiu mue leh lao Yiu mue leh lao Yiu mue leh lao? "Gwhat is the excitement?"), cried the passers-by as they stopped to look at the red festoons and hankings and lanters and to listen to the firecrackers. "Pak yu talpan hisiao jie propried for the trothed!") was the answer of the trothed!") was the answer of the trothed!") was the answer of the happy host was always expected to furnish. Within the famous establishment of the White Pearl all thought of business had been given most elaborate and the music was at one moment weird and mournful enough to make one weep, and the next lively and thrilling enough to make one weep, and the groups of his voice, as if to fill in any accidental notes of silence that might have been left by the music. As a matter of fact, from a dignified European standpoint, it was simply pander moiled and labour, and in let loose "is, after all, only our crudes and landerd syndian let loose" is, after all, only our crudes and landerd syndian let loose "is, after all, only our crudes and landerd syndian let loose "is, after all, only our crudes and landerd syndian let loose "is, after all, only our crudes and landerd syndian let loose "is, after all, only our crudes and landerd syndian let loose "is, after all, only our crudes and landerd syndian let loose "is, after all, only our crudes and landerd syndian let loose "is, after all, only our crudes and landerd syndian let loose but "pandemonium let loose "is, after all, only our crudes and landerd syndian let loose but "pandemonium let loose but "pandemonium let loose but "pandemonium let loose" is, after all, only our crudes and landerd syndian let loose but "pandemonium let loose bu matter of fact, from a dignified Euro-pean standpoint, it was simply pande-monium let loose—but "pandemonium let loose" is, after all, only our crude and labored synonym for a real Chi-nese good time.

* * * * THEY certainly were having it. The entire store was transformed into a reception room and banquet hal! and the guests were enjoying the "tien ti eng shing" (or "gracious. gracious gifts of heaven and earth") in both solids and liquids to their vife were receiving the congratulations of their many friends. Having spent many years in Singapore, where strict native customs are greatly modfied by the European surroundings.



Wang Foo coolie "
"Just now hab got kitchen-side,

a final examination of the various papers that lay on the table, "it is practically an ingenious case of circumstantial evidence. Everything can be satisfactorily explained except this one thing, namely: Who or what was it that caused the light on White Tier Point to go out at that particular

at once up the steep path to the weather they found Webb, the keeper and his assistant (known as "The Boatswain") in a state of great trepidation.

"It wash't our failt, gentlemen, "It wash't our failt, gentlemen, "And where is the fortunate young thing went wrong with the oil and we've been these five days trying to light her up again. We surely have, "And what's the meaning of all fash of several large bundles of gin-seng to several large bundles of gin-seng the first what the boatswain and I saved from the wrock in the daytime.

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"It certainly does that," was the brief and ready answer.

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weave a pretty good case out of that, does it?"

"No, sir, it does not. That is provided you believe in—and are willing to convict on—pure circumstantial evidence." For, when all's said and as the foreign lighthouse is one of the curiosities of the place, they, of course, went out to see it."

"But how did they get admitted, when, as a rule, natives, unless in government employ, are never allowed to go inside the gates?"

"Perhaps it will. I hope it will, for unless the old agent with the wig got much more up his black sleeve falluding to the crown advocate) has got much more up his black sleeve than he has shown us so far, I'm not agoin' in my own mind to convict two honest English tars—as I still takes them to be—of goin' into a Chinese wrecking game like this, even for a lot of their old ginseng."

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vestments, and mounting a stand by the side of the well-curb, cried out, "Bring forth the Holy Rod and the "Bring forth the Holy Rod and the Scoop and prepare the Flask of Jade to receive the Dragon Scum!" An attendant handled him a long slender rod with a small copper cup at the end, and the abbot leaning over, skimmed the top of the water in the well

I do, Mr. Wank how freely money is spent at betrothal feasts—"
"Yes, to be sure—"
"And when you think that this entertainment combined really the extravagances of both China and America, and that he and his friends celebrated in both native and foreign in style for about a week, you can readily see that it cost a good rounding."
"It undoubtedly did, and where do you really think he got two hundred sum."
"Well, wherever he got it, and I presum business.—I know he got two hundred Mexicans from me, which I was delighted to let him have for Chin Chee's sake—he certainly got it honestly and not out of any proceeds of the ginseg wreek. Shall I have your jinrickshaw called, Mr. Wang?"
"If you please. And let me assure you that I will do everything in my power to clear up this very distress; ing mystery."
"Boy! What side have got Mr. Wang Foo coolie"
"Just now."
"And he he and het the and he had a shall call and looped and keeps on liveing long after the end, and the asked he logh also seen you properly sunk. Most of the wise crackers laughs and calls it all bunk, but they's a few bright minds that has fell for it, even was presently sunk, but they a ned call sking and calls it all bunk, but they's a few bright minds that has fell for it, even was presently sunk, but the proper was an English dairymaid would sking and calls it all bunk, but they's a few bright minds that has fell for it, even in country's where they still got the wise crackers laughs and calls that they claim is in the human bedy and keeps on liveing logge has seen you properly sunk. Most of the wise crackers laughs and calls that they claim is in the human bedy and sking and calls that they claim is in the human bedy and sking and calls that had logd as an English dairymaid would sking an a English dairymaid would sking an erfailing over reading of the wise crackers laughs and calls that they claim is hother who was pour properly sunk. Most of the wise crackers laughs and calls that had he wise an English who was poured in the human for the wise crack

"Boy." What side have got Mr. Wang Foo coole "
"Unst now hab got kitchen-side, makee smokee," replied the everfaithful.
"You go catchee he velly chop-choptalkee wantchee go home-side."
"All light. Can do." And in a few others were met the man that cook man a covered all the more of sovered all the more of sovered all the special carriage was ratting down the hill toward the Red Cloud alley. Once there, the thoughful detector of crime betook himself to his quiet moo, and the long chair of carve faithed the cooling breezes from the harbor to play across his brow as he weighed the evidence of the mornaing's interview. Having been up rather late the night before, he fell saleep before he knew it, and was only awakened by the report of the sperm oil appealed to the man that don't what happened to the man that don't what happened to the man that don't with a mustache. If I had 3 wishes a train and went to N. Y. city and shown us that he colour that refused to be a conspirate of the sperm oil appealed to the man that don't with a mustache. They's no doubt but that Conan is a train and the believe in it, but that don't was 'in that last one fread where it said that some the said fried thouse. They was in that last one fread where it said that some the staid that some litself into the shapes of people the said that some the sta be proven. There remains, however, one very strange circumstance yet to be explained and which makes the charge against the cook either a very light one of the theft of a gallon or two of oil, or a very heavy one of a deliberate attempt to wreck a vessel and loot the cargo. Will Mr. Wang explain just how the light happened to go out on the very night that the Prince Edward sailed?"

There being no apparent way of activities the control of the second of the control of the contro "Something like southern Spain," interrupted the governor, "where the assassin asks the blessing of his divinity upon his efforts, before he

sets out to murder——"

"Precisely so," continued Wang Foo, pleased with this indorsement of his words, "and in this case the good and the bad happened to agree upon the very same date. When Mr. Yang Loo.

William L. McPherson. URING the war," said the sculptor Peter Vladimisculptor Peter Vladimirich. "I frequented for a time the little Savinoff restaurant, whose habitues were a sorry-looking lot. But things were not going well with me. My patrons had either left Petrograd or lost their interest in art. Rubles and kopecks were scarce.

"The Savinoff restaurant was a picturesque place, however, full of half-turesque place, however, full of ideas in it:
"I had touched his weak spot Though professing to serve humanity he was all swelled up with pride and vanity. Moreover, I thus avoided discussion, which I abominate.
"In 1907 I changed my residence and also my restaurant. I no longer saw this jaundiced philosopher.
"Then the revolution broke. Kerensky was supplanted by Lenin. The bolsheviki seized power and the reign of terror began. There was

Now and then I nodded my head or whole body trembled. I have a great murmured:

"It's astonishing! What a head you have little father! There's a whole world of ideas in it!"

"It's astonishing! What a head you death. A mist covered my eyes. Through it I saw dimly three human forms. The first dimly three human

"The Savinoir restaurant was a processed on the stresque place, however, full of half-lights, like Rembrandts, and its customers gave me an inspiration for more than one bas-relief, from which it expected to make a little money and reputation if art ever came back to its own.

"Among the regulars there was a "Neva like kittens. I realized that it was a prescription of the regulars there was a "Recognition of the power and the reign of terror began. There was not thing to do. All those who relied were either killed or were forced to hide or to get into exile. The red terrorists shot men down like rabbits; they drowned officers in the Neva like kittens. I realized that it was a reaction of terror began. There was not have a like were either killed or were forced to hide or to get into exile. The red terrorists shot men down like rabbits; they drowned officers in the rabbits; they drowned officers in the results of the result

with the set them as they were passing out, whet them as they were passing out, why, all that remained was for finds, who handled the shipping of the ginseng for the native drug-her to pray the good Lord that, Chineso or no Chinese, it might be a case of "love at first sight"—and it was:

"You describe her to consider the properties of the ginseng for the market with elighthouse a week before the wreck, and afterward were pine guest at the betrothal reast than his word that cargo is the pine guest at the betrothal reast than his pine guest at the betrothal reast than his word that cargo is the discover lier."

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forms. The first was writing; the second spoke; the third listened or put questions.

"I knew at once that the scoundrel was the dvornik. He was accusing me, without stint and in the most wio'ent phrases, of having conspired sure enough he got the or against the soviets. My vision cleared the \$1200 raise and took it. a little. My eyes were fixed on the dvornik, and then on the judge. Astonishment almost overcame my terror. I recognized that irregular beard, full on the right, scanty on the left—that frog's face and that interminable flat mouth. "It seemed to me that the verdigris eyes also recognized me. They were bent on me ferociously and my

"He put his hand on my shoulder. Then full of satanic pride, he said:
"See! You knew that I had a world of ideas in my head! And this downik is a pig of a liar. You understand, dvornik? You have accused an innocent man. In that case the accuser is guilty, in consequence, deserves death. You are condemned to die. Take him away and shoot him!"
"Two red guards seized the dvornik, who bellowed with fright, and led him away to the place of execution.
"If I had let him off, said Govlov with a grin. 'he would have gone somewhere else and denounced you. And you would have been condemned. Shake hands, brother. The reaction is frightful. I have to work like a dog."

Well. I said the spirits seemed to have the right dope in both them instants, though a whole lot of people that wasn't dead yet had told me to not bet on Yale, but I said it was silly to disregard tips like that when you got them because if they was such a thing as spirits they probably knowed more about things that is going on than we do.

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Another Wang Foo Story by Sydney C. Partridge "Automatic Writing Don't Pay Mortgages," Says Ring

By Ring W. Lardner.

whether they ain't spirits, and I don't mean alcohol spirits which I guess they's no question about life after death for those kind as old John Bardeath for those kind as old John Barleycorn was suppose to die a yr. ago last month, but you can still go to a banquet or a card party and find 50 per cent of the guests pretty well haunted. What I refer to is the spirits

establish the identity and prove that my theory is correct?" So Wang Foo passed one more night in the village inn and in the early morning returned to Hongkong.

"I hardly think it will be necessary to carry the case beyond this private hearing." remarked Sir Evington Beecham to the crown advocate and to the inspector of police, who with Wang Foo and a few others were met. them than his detective storys. And I ain't even got no desire to believe POSITION TO WRITE, BUT NOT A

To the editor: Pretty near all the papers and magazines you pick up now days is devoteing considerable space to the question of whether they's spirits or the paper but so the all of the party and get a new ribbon."

and before they stopped they was a sentence wrote on the paper but so dim I couldn't hardly make it out. Here is what it said:

"Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party and get a new ribbon."



WORD COME.



talking to's friend, and this guy had a piece of property that he wanted to get rid of it and he got a offer for the property and he set down to write a letter accepting the offer. but when he got all ready to write the pen begin writeing for him and here is what it wrote:

"Don'T sell now, but wait till the that is \$1200 more." And the pen signed his old man's name that had single. That is the chief reason why I died in the real estate business. So died in the real estate business. So the guy waited till the 4 of Jan. and sure enough he got the offer with the \$1200 raise and took it.

So my friend that was telling more than the chief reason why favor a bachelor tax. Another reason is that bachelors, coddled as they are, become very conceited. "A pretty girl at a dance was waltzing with a bachelor.

So my friend that was telling manabout this says:
"That is what they call automatic writeing. It hasn't never happened to me personally but you can bet that if it does I will follow the advice they give me, because I heard of another man that was a Yale man and just before the Yale-Princeton game last fall he got a wire from a friend of his out west asking him did he want to bet on Yale and he did, so he went to the telegraph office to wire and take the bet, and just as he was going to write the telegram the pencil begin moveing in his hand and wrote down:

"But the man was a unbeliever so he made the pen write what he wanted it to and took the bet and lose \$500."

Well. I said the spirits seemed to

cialist of Chicago, said at a recent meeting of the Federation of Women's Clubs:
"To live to be a hundred the first requisite" is to marry young. The married always live longer than the

"There will be many sad hearts when I marry, the bachelor said.
"Goodness, how many are you going to marry?" said the girl."

Overdoing It.

"Two partners were talking about a clerk. "'I'm afraid I'll have to let Jackson "'I'm afraid I'll have to let Jackson go,' said the senior partner. 'He's getting very slack and forgetful—reglects his work scandalously.'
"'I wonder what's the matter with him?' said the junior partner. 'He seemed an ambitious lad in the past.'
''It's this efficiency craze,' said the senior. 'Jackson is giving so much time and thought to his efficiency corsenor.

time and thought to his efficiency correspondence courses that he's got no energy left for his regular work."

- Unprofitable.

"WILLIAM DEAN HOWELLS left a fortune of \$160,000. This was a very unusual thing for an American author to do. We, as a rule, leave